

ADOT to consider Loop 303 noise wall in SCW

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The Maricopa Association of Governments' Transportation Policy Committee has recommended that the Arizona Department of Transportation study a proposal submitted by County Supervisor Max Wilson for a sound wall next to SR303 — Bob Stump Memorial Parkway — in the Sun City West area. The study area would be from Deer Valley Drive to just north of Robertson Drive.

"I agree with those who live near this area that as the 303 develops the noise will only get worse. ADOT needs to take a closer look at this location," Wilson said.

Despite an existing wall along the northwest side of Sun City West, residents still can hear many of the vehicles on the 303 roadway. Proposed cost for a new wall would be approximately \$500,000, which would include removal of the old wall and construction of a new and higher one.

Supervisor Wilson started this project moving forward after the recent approval of Proposition 400 by the voters which provided some money for noise mitigation. Fourteen projects have been submitted for more detailed and site-specific analysis by ADOT.

The Maricopa County Department of Transportation plans, designs, constructs and maintains roadways within the county's unincorporated areas. MCDOT maintains approximately 2,500 miles of roadway, 27 major bridges and 220 bridges over canals.

MCDOT's funding is primarily derived from highway User Revenues Fund and other federal and state sources.